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DIG THIS: ARCHAEOLOGICAL FUN COMING TO LOS PEÑASQUITOS OCT. 15 ***“Arch in the Park” Involves Kids in Excavations, Exhibits and Games***

Curious kids who like to get beneath the surface will dig “Arch in the Park” at Rancho Peñasquitos Adobe on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The San Diego County Archaeological Society and San Diego County Parks and Recreation plan a day of education and fun to introduce young people to the field of archaeology. Kids can participate in an excavation, play archaeological games, talk to local archeologists and view the active archeological digs at Rancho Peñasquitos and surrounding grounds.

Families can tour the restored adobe Ranch House, which was built as a one-room home in 1823 and expanded to a luxurious estate by landowners in the 1860s.

Running Grunion, a local educator and Kumeaay Indian, will perform at Arch in the Park at 1 p.m. Demonstrations of Native American tool and basketmaking and storytelling will take place throughout the day.

Families can bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the shade, or purchase fry bread, drinks and other snacks.

Rancho Peñasquitos Adobe is the perfect setting for archaeological inspiration. For years, archaeological digs there have uncovered artifacts that fill out the picture of life for modern settlers and Native Americans in the canyon—which these days, is surrounded by well-developed suburbia.

Arch in the Park runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rancho Peñasquitos Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive, San Diego, 92129. For event information contact the San Diego County Archaeology Society at (858) 538-0935 or www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com

For more information on the Rancho Peñasquitos Adobe, Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, County Parks, and more great fall programs, visit www.sdparks.org.

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